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In re Application of :  
IAN RICHARD JOSEPH BATES : DECISION ON  
Application No.: 09/980,083 :  
PCT No.: PCT/GB00/02125 : PETITION  
Int. Filing Date: 02 June 2000 :  
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For: VEHICLE AIR BRAKING SYSTEMS :

This is a decision on applicant's request that the application be retained under 37 CFR 1.21(l) which is be treated as a request for processing and retention of application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). The request was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on 02 December 2002, which requests that the application be retained in accordance with 37 CFR 1.53(f). The request is **GRANTED** as discussed below.

A review of the application file reveals that the oath or declaration executed by the named inventors in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) identifying the international application number and international filing date is located therein. The review of the application file also reveals that applicant has submitted the requisite \$130 retention fee, and as such retention of the application is proper.

This application will be forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the International Division for the placement of a retention label on the face of the application file in accordance with this decision. This application will then be forwarded to the abandoned files repository.

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